

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Stilwell, Liggett, Kromkowski, Fry

A RESOLUTION honoring Jerry Payne on the occasion
of his retirement.

*Whereas, Jerry Payne, long recognized as one of the
champions of labor in Indiana, is retiring after almost 40 years
of service to the union cause;*

*Whereas, Jerry Payne has dedicated his life to one of the
principles on which the AFL-CIO was founded, "To protect,
maintain and advance the wages, hours, and working
conditions of all workers with due regard for the autonomy and
integrity of affiliated unions";*

*Whereas, Jerry Payne has been the conscience of Hoosier
workers through his tireless efforts in advocating improvements*



for workers compensation, unemployment insurance, and a myriad of other Hoosier workers' issues in the Indiana General Assembly;

Whereas, Jerry Payne is a native Hoosier, born in Clermont, Indiana. He was educated in the Wayne Township public school system, graduating from Ben Davis High School;

Whereas, Jerry Payne's 32 year work history has been made up of all union employment, beginning in 1965 when he became a member of the IBEW 481 Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program, from which he graduated in 1969 as a journeyman electrician;

Whereas, Jerry earned his Masters Electrical Contractors License in 1978 and still maintains it today;

Whereas, Jerry attended the IUPUI general degree program and IUPUI labor studies program and taught the labor history class at Ivy Tech State College in Indianapolis for the IBEW 481 J.A.T.C. two-year associate degree program;

Whereas, Jerry Payne has been active in the activities of the General Assembly as a labor activist since 1978 for IBEW, Central Indiana Building Trades, and the Indiana state AFL-CIO;

Whereas, In addition to his work as a lobbyist, Jerry is the past chairperson of TOP NOTCH, a construction industry promotional program, and the Marion County Mayor's Labor Advisory Council, the founder of Midwest Construction Foundation, and a board member of the Energy Development Board, the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, and the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board. Jerry also served on the Governor's Labor Advisory Committee and the Indiana Health Care Policy Commission; and

Whereas, Throughout his career, Jerry Payne has been a dedicated proponent of labor and workers in Indiana, and through his efforts, the lives of Indiana workers have improved dramatically: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 congratulates Jerry Payne on his many accomplishments and thanks
3 him for his endless hours of dedicated service to improving the lives of
4 workers in Indiana. The members of the Indiana House of
5 Representatives also wish him well in his retirement.
6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Jerry Payne.

